

GOV'T CLASSES TOUR EMBASSY

On October 12 and 13 the American Government classes took a trip to the American Embassy in downtown Tokyo, located near the Imperial Palace grounds.

Arriving at the Embassy Annex, the classes were met by a guide and taken on a tour through visa and passport sections of the embassy offices.

After a fifteen-minute break at the snack bar, they were shown a movie dealing with the purposes of the USIS Cultural Centers throughout the world.

The classes then boarded buses and went to the chancellery where they were shown into the private offices of Ambassador Douglas MacArthur, Jr.

Narimasu Accredited

An accreditation team from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools visited Narimasu High School on October 12. Narimasu passed their inspection.

The team members visiting American schools in the Far East are Mr. Herman W. Frankenfeld, registrar at the University of South Dakota, and Dr. R. Nelson Snider, principal of South Side High of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. The two have the task of inspecting all dependent high schools operated by Army, Air Force, or Navy units.

In order to rate a school, the team investigates such diversified areas as the school library, cafeteria, fire escape facilities, and even the number of college hours in the records of the instructors.

Over The Horizon

November

- 12 Jr. Red Cross
- 13 Hiking Club
- 13 Football game:
Meiji University, here at 2:00
- 16 Student Council
- 17 Historian Society
- 18 Chess Club
- 18 Stamp Club
- 19 Pep Club
- 19 Science Club
- 20 Golf Club
- 20 Sadie Hawkins Dance
- 21 Football game:
Johnson, there at 1:30
- 23 Student Council
- 24 Class meetings
- 25 Audio-visual Club
- 26 Drama Club

Special Comic Assembly Held

To promote school spirit, a special pep assembly was held on October 23. There were impersonations of four football players by Jacquie Lash, Peggy Hopkins, Joan Markovic, and Blanche Swann, who were interviewed by Coach French who was played by Dottie Powers. In addition there were special cheerleaders. The girls?? who competed with the regular varsity cheering squad were Travis Beckham, Jim McConville, Dave Hudson, Jim Sawyer, and Ray Clauson. The student body was amused with their exaggerated cheerleading antics.

After the comical preliminaries, Coach French—the real one—concluded with a serious and sobering pep talk.

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NIPPONOTES

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'Undokai' is the Japanese word for 'field day.' Exercise means 'undo', and 'kai' is assembly.

Japanese schools have these field days every year. It is a big event for the children and usually lasts a half day or longer. Children of all ages participate; even teachers and parents take part.

The field day is held early in October. Schools all over Japan are busy preparing for it as soon as summer vacation ends. The children build themselves into shape for the big day, and the janitors, with the help of the students and faculty, fix the big fields for the celebration. The day comes! Mothers prepare lunches and snacks. Team members buy white outfits and a

white or red head band so the judges can tell the groups apart. And these two colors symbolize happiness! The individual students have large numbers, front and back, on uniforms.

The field day games include races, relays, and dances, and often there are games which include parents. The day is filled with laughter, and all have an enjoyable time.

This traditional day is the happiest and most awaited event of the school year because it presents a chance to take part in various activities and show the audience one's abilities in sports and other games. The day after the field day is always a vacation. The faculty and the students are too exhausted to hold classes the next day.

S.C. Sells Pep With Ribbons

The Student Council is sponsoring the sale of ribbons for each game—alternating blue and white ribbons with humorous cartoon characters urging the Dragons on to victory. They cost 10 cents each and do a great deal to boost the spirit before a game. This year is the first time ribbons have been available and it is hoped that the student body will support the project by wearing Narimasu game ribbons each Friday. If the sale of such ribbons is supported they will continue to be available during the basketball season as well.

Students Visit Speech Competition

On October 25, Mr. Clyde Browne, along with Miss Virginia Walling, Miss Marian Kiuchi, and three students attended the all Saitama Junior High School oratorical contest. The three students were Ronnie Eldridge, Jeany Tarui, and Kenneth Nakamura. Ronnie and Jeany appeared as guest speakers.

After listening to several speeches by the junior high students, Ronnie Eldridge and Jeany Tarui received a medal and several presents.

Sale Coming

The seniors will hold a fabric sale on Saturday, December 5, at the Washington Heights Chapel. The proceeds of this sale will go to the Sno-Ball committee to help finance the annual Christmas season formal.

The Senior Class has already sponsored one fabric sale on Saturday, October 24, in the Narimasu Elementary School auditorium. It was a success and the Senior Class made a profit of \$146.

Baby Talk



Last month's Kool Kids were Helen Spangler and Eddie Cox. Guess right? Maybe so, but it'll be harder this time.

Once again we have selected a baby picture to tease you. It shows a well-known senior girl.

She was born in Joliet, Illinois, and went to high school in Omaha, Nebraska before moving to Japan. She entered Narimasu at the beginning of her junior year, along with her brother, who was then a freshman.

"Grin And Bear It" heads the list of her favorite comic strips, although she is usually found reading more intellectual material. She dislikes rock 'n' roll and does not believe in going steady. She is not fond of being told, "You're so smart you don't have to work to get good grades."

Geniuses who wear glasses are her favorite type of men. To be a mathematics teacher is her ambition and she plans to attend the University of Chicago.

Think you know who it is? You'll find out in the next issue.